Oklahoma Sheep Report



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JULY 1 ALL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY UP 2 PERCENT

<u>UNITED STATES:</u> All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2005, totaled 7.80 million head, 2 percent above July 1, 2004.

Breeding sheep inventory at 4.66 million head on July 1, 2005, was 2 percent above July 1, 2004. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.79 million head, were 1 percent above last year.

Market sheep and lambs on July 1, 2005, totaled 3.14 million head, 1 percent above July 1, 2004. Market lamb inventory at 3.06 million head was comprised at 1.81 million lambs under 65 pounds, 635,000 lambs 65-84 pounds, 350,000 lambs 85-105 pounds, and 260,000 lambs over 105 pounds. Market sheep inventory was 90,000.

The 2005 lamb crop of 4.12 million head was up 1 percent from the 2004 lamb crop.

SHEEP: NUMBER BY CLASSES, JULY 1, 2004-2005 AND LAMB CROP 2004-2005

CLASS	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
	1,000 Head		Percent
All Sheep & Lambs	7,650	7,800	102
Breeding Sheep	4,545	4,655	102
Ewes 1 Year +	3,745	3,790	101
Rams 1 Year +	180	185	103
Replacement Lambs	620	680	110
Market Sheep & Lambs	3,105	3,145	101
Market Sheep 1 Year +	75	90	120
Market Lambs	3,030	3,055	101
Lambs Under 65 lbs.	1,800	1,810	101
Lambs 65-84 lbs.	635	635	100
Lambs 85-105 lbs.	355	350	99
Lambs over 105 lbs.	240	260	108
Lamb Crop 1/	4,080	4,120	101

^{1/} Lamb crop: Lambs born in the Eastern States plus lambs docked or branded in the Western States.